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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:**1. (Currently amended) A device including:**

- a network interface for interfacing the device with a computer network, the network interface including a memory arranged to store for storing a network address of the device; and
- a speech subsystem for speaking synthesizer arranged to read said network address from the network interface and to speak said network address in number form, the speech synthesizer being arranged to operate independently of the network to speak said network address.

2. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, further including:

- a user-input interface arranged to receive for receiving an output-prompt input from a user, the output-prompt input being distinct from said network address, and the user-input interface being arranged to respond to receipt of responsive to receiving said output-prompt input to cause the speech synthesizer subsystem to read said network address from the network interface and to speak said network address.

3. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the network address is an IP address, the speech synthesizer subsystem being arranged to speak the network address in dotted

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decimal format.

4. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 1, wherein the vocabulary of the speech ~~subsystem~~ synthesizer is ~~substantially~~ restricted to a minimum vocabulary required for speaking IP network addresses.

5. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 1, wherein the speech synthesizer ~~subsystem~~ is arranged to speak the network address only in English.

6. **(Canceled)**

7. **(Canceled)**

8. **(Canceled)**

9. **(Currently amended)** A method of outputting the computer address of a device having a computer network interface, the method comprising the steps of:

- retrieving the current network address of the device from a memory of the network interface of the device; and
- outputting the retrieved network address in spoken number form from a speech synthesizer that operates independently of the network to speak the retrieved network address in spoken number form.

10. **(Original)** A method according to claim 9, wherein the network address is output in response to a prompt from a user.

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11. (Original) A method according to claim 9, wherein the network address is an IP address, the address being output in spoken dotted decimal format.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)